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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 1093

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TORTURE ALLEGATIONS

REF: SEOUL 1030

1. TORTURE ALLEGATIONS (REFTEL) WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN TONGA ILBO (AND NEW YORK TIMES) ARE ATTRIBUTED CHIEFLY TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS WHO SAID THEY HAD SUFFERED SUCH MALTREATMENT. THUS FAR, TONGA HAS IDENTIFIED ONLY TWO SUCH STUDENTS, NA PYONG-SIK AND KIM CHONG-KIL (AS FAR AS WE KNOW, ONLY FORMER'S NAME APPEARED IN NYT). IN BOTH CASES, STUDENTS SAID TORTURE HAD TAKEN PLACE IN APRIL 1974. TONGA HAS ALSO QUOTED KIM CHI-HA AS SAYING THAT A PRP DEFENDENT, HA CHAE-WAN, HAD BEEN SEVERELY TORTURED. NONE OF WELL-KNOWN PRISONERS, SUCH AS BISHOP CHI, KIM TON-KIL OR KIM CHI-HA WERE REPORTED TO HAVE UNDERGONE TORTURE.

2. NDP SECRETARY GENERAL TOLD POLCOUNSELOR FEB 20 THT PARTY HAD JUST BEGUN TO INVESTIGATE TORTURE ISSUE AND WOULD PROBABLY CONCLUDE STUDY WITHIN WEEK TO TEN DAYS. QUESTIONED ABOUT EXTENT OF CHARGES, HE SAID THAT AT THIS POINT PARTY DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO SAY  
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ANYTHING CONCRETE ABOUT ALLEGATIONS. HE SAID THAT

PARTY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED AND  
JOINT GOVERNMENT-OPPOSITION INVESTIGATION UNIT ESTABLISHED  
FOR FULL STUDY OF ALLEGATIONS.  
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